

# Bodnar leaves Painesville for Concord

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After nine years at Painesville Township, one administrator is taking his skills next door to another Lake County township.

Lee Bodnar's first day as Concord Township administrator will be Monday.

Previous Concord Township Administrator Jack Nettis announced in October his decision to step down at the end of the year, citing a desire

to return his focus to teaching.

Nettis, who also is the township's economic development director, began his service in February 2005 and worked on annual contracts.

Bodnar said the Concord Township position presents a unique opportunity for him to develop his skill set as well as to bridge and develop the existing relationship between the two townships.

"That would serve to fortify their existing relation-

ship in ways that would not be easily done (otherwise)," Bodnar said.

About 100 people had applied for the position, of which the township interviewed four candidates, according to a news release from Concord Township.

"We have major projects in the pipeline, and it was crucial to be sure that we selected someone who would be the most capable of moving these projects forward on their existing timeline," Concord Township Trustee Chris

Galloway said in a statement.

Nettis is expected to train Bodnar this month, while Bodnar will assist Painesville Township during the transition period as well.

"While we were certainly conscious and respectful of hiring away an administrator from our neighbor, we have expressed our willingness to share time and work with them as they go through their own transition," Concord Township Trustee Connie Luhta said in a statement.